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SIR!
CHENG PU'S
TROOP HAS
ARRIVED!

SIR!
WE SPOTTED
CAO REN'S TROOP
IN YILING!

GOOD!
THE FORTH
DIVISION IS
PLATEAUING.
CHANGE SHIFT!

HOWEVER, OUR
MEN HAVE ALREADY
TAKEN YILING'S
MAIN CITY AND
ARE PREPARING TO
DEFEND IT!

LET NONE
ESCAPE FROM
THE CITY!

CH 444 BECOMING THE WARRIOR SAINT

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成就武聖

AND WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE LETTER OF SURRENDER FROM GONG SU OF YIZHOU

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SO LIU ZHANG'S BORDER GUARDS DO GET SPOOKED AS SOON AS WE REACH YILING!

YES! THEY'RE WAVERING BECAUSE THEY THINK CAO CAO'S FORCES WILL WITHDRAW!

CHIEF CONTROLLER MADE A "KILLER" MOVE!

THEY NEVER COULD'VE ANTICIPATED THAT MY GOAL WAS... YIZHOU!

AMAZING. WE COULD TAKE YILING BY MERELY BLOCKING OFF JIANGLING

TRY AS HE MIGHT, CAO REN WILL NEVER SEE JIANGLING'S REINFORCEMENTS SINCE THE LATTER HAS TO DIG IN ITS HEELS

ANY NEWS OF LIU BEI'S TROOPS?

THOUGH I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THE THIRD GENIUS JIA XU HAD THE BRILLIANT FORESIGHT TO PREDICT YOUR NEXT MOVE

THE COMMUNI-CATION LINE WITH THE HUARONG PATH IS HINDERED. WE'RE STILL WAITING

HOWEVER, AS YOU SAID... THEY WILL... TRAVEL SOUTH BY SHIPS?

IT'S A PITY THAT HE HASN'T THE MILITARY POWER TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT

IS THAT THE SUPPOSED... DIVIDING THE WORLD IN THREE?

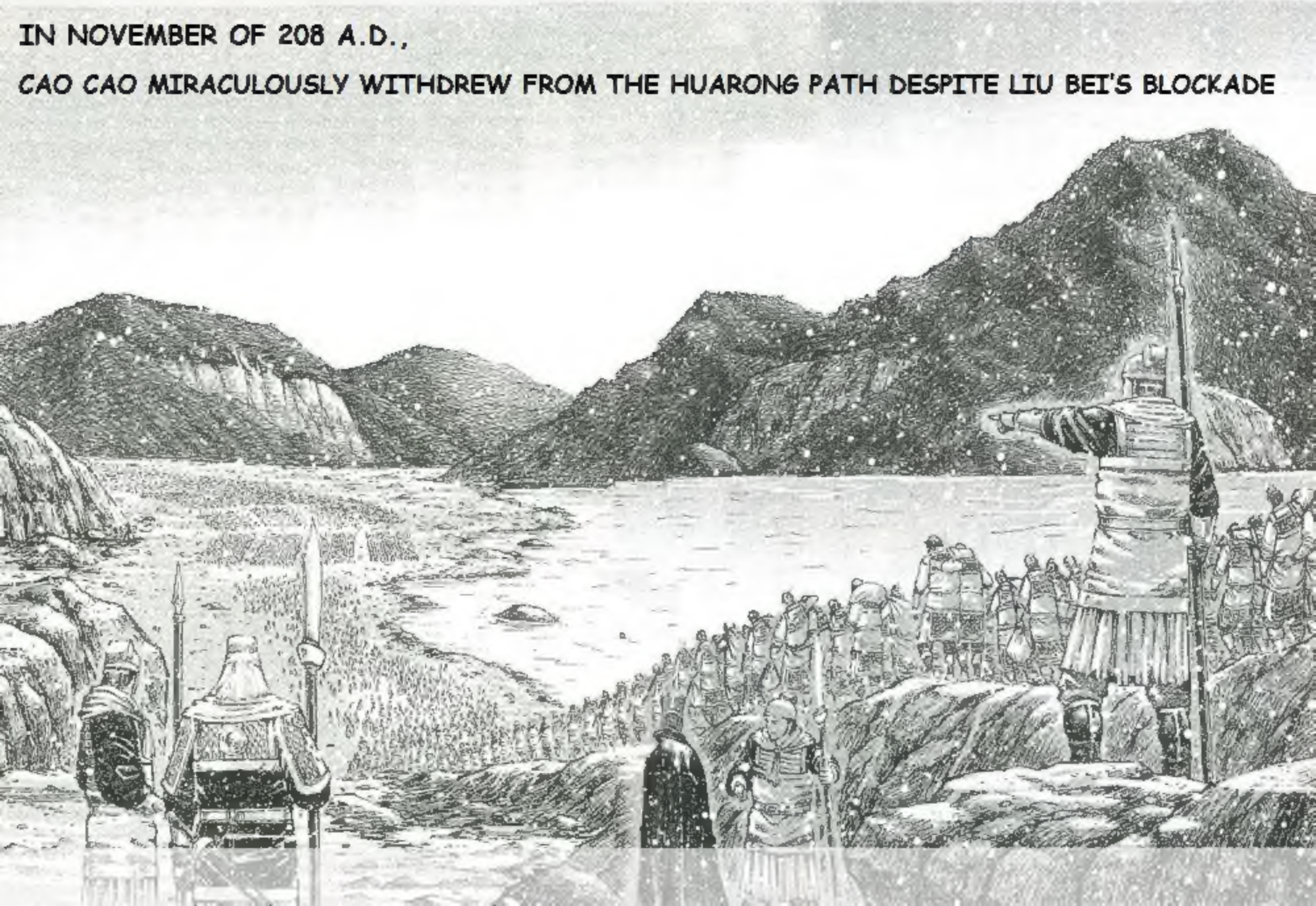
IF CAO CAO MANAGES TO ESCAPE, THEN YES

HAHA, MY BROTHERS, I WELCOME YOU TO THINK LIKE THE EIGHT GENIUSES

QUIETLY AND UNASSUMINGLY, ZHOU YU RETURNED

IN NOVEMBER OF 208 A.D.,

CAO CAO MIRACULOUSLY WITHDREW FROM THE HUARONG PATH DESPITE LIU BEI'S BLOCKADE



AND THE DERISION OF CAO CAO HAD REACHED ITS PEAK THAT YEAR

YOU MUST BE DISCONTENT TO SEE CAO CAO WALK FREE, RIGHT, MY CHILD?

DAMN IT! WE COULD'VE BEEN WORLD FAMOUS, NOT THIS THREE DIVISION CRAP...

OF COURSE I GET THAT. THIS IS JUST MY RAW EMOTIONS...

EXCEPT... THIS ADVISOR REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HIS MEN WANT!

DON'T BLAME THE ADVISOR FOR HIDING HIS INTENTION TO RELEASE CAO CAO. IT WOULD'VE BEEN A HARD SELL IN THE BEGINNING...

PLEASE BOARD THE LARGE SHIP, MY LORD

SHIPS IN THE HILLS. UNBELIEVABLE

HAHA, IT DOES FEEL RIDICULOUS

BUT I DO WONDER, WHY DON'T WE RETALIATE NOW WHEN WE OUT-NUMBER LIU BEI'S FORCES?

DON'T FRET, MY LORD. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR REVENGE

YES, THERE WILL. EXCEPT...

WE HAD TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD TO GET THE SHIPS DOWN THE RIVER, MY LORD. THEY'VE ALREADY NOTICED THAT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH RATIONS

AS THE GREATEST VILLAIN I'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK FOR MILLENNIA TO COME

IT'S POSSIBLE TO SOFTEN THE BLOW

UNDER-STOOD

ZHU LING

MINISTER CAO IS BENEVOLENT AND VIRTUOUS,

REPEAT!

LISTEN UP, EVERYONE! REPEAT AFTER ME...

MINISTER CAO IS BENEVOLENT, VIRTUOUS AND BELOVED BY THE WORLD...

THANK YOU, LORD GUAN, FOR YOUR HELP!

WH... WHAT...

THANK YOU, LORD GUAN, FOR YOUR BETTER JUDGMENT!

DAMN IT, WHAT NONSENSE! THEY WANT TO FRAME MY FATHER!

HUH... WHY ME?

IT'S ONLY BELIEVABLE BECAUSE IT'S YOU, SECOND MASTER

YEAH, IT WASN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL!

COME ON GUYS, THINK OF SOMETHING TO YELL BACK AT HIM!

SECOND MASTER IS A RIGHTEOUS MAN OF CAO CAO'S "ILK"

NO QUESTIONS, SECOND MASTER?

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR FATHER, GUAN PING

BULLSHIT! RELEASING THE TRAITOR WILL MAKE FATHER THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE WORLD!

REMEMBER THAT A CONTEMPT FOR FAME IS THE BEST PRAISE FOR VIRTUE

IS IT NOT THE HIGHEST FORM OF FLATTERY TO IMPLY BOTH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ARROGANCE?

CONGRATU-LATIONS, SECOND MASTER

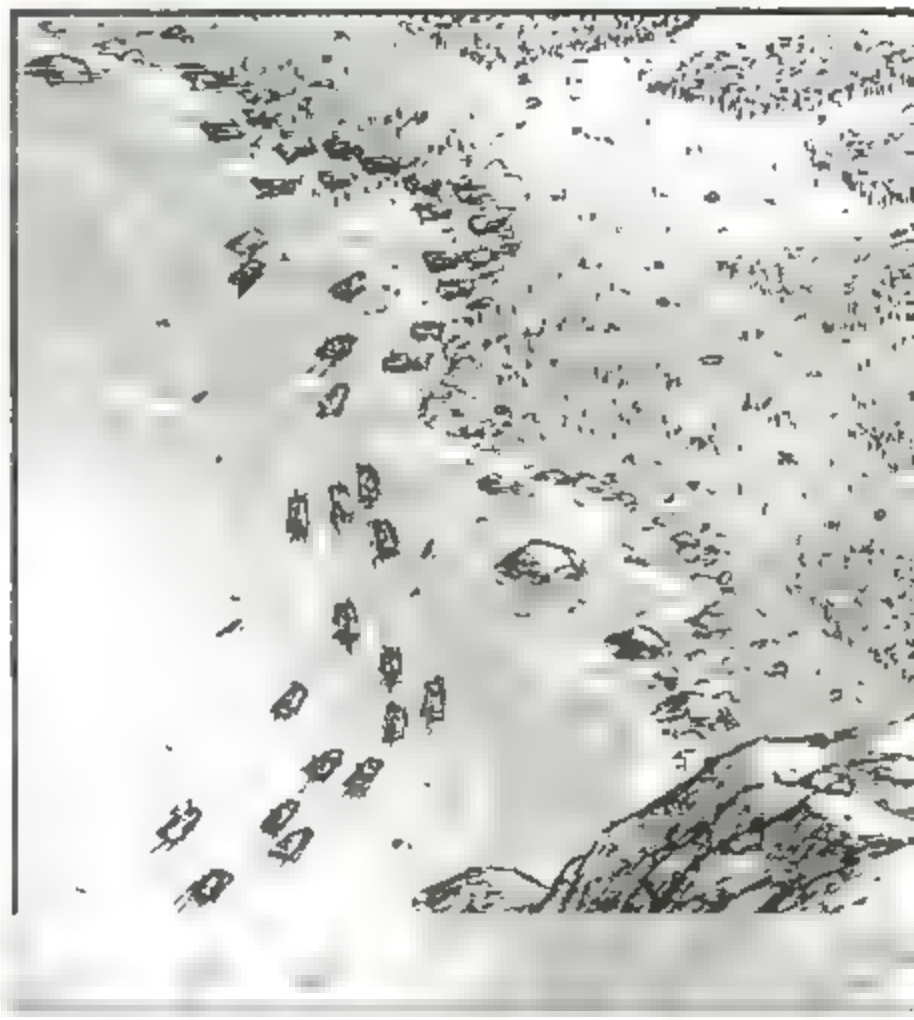
WHAT SEEMS LIKE A FRAME-UP IS NOT SO IN YOUR FATHER'S CASE

YOU'VE FINALLY TOPPED LÜ BU, THE GOD OF WAR!

OF ALL MEN IN THE WORLD... ONLY YOU UNDERSTAND ME, KONG MING!

AND FOR THAT, ADVISOR, I'M YOURS TO COMMAND!

HAHAHA, THAT ONE'S FUNNY, *YUN CHANG, FUNNY INDEED!



* YUN CHANG IS GUAN YU'S COURTESY NAME

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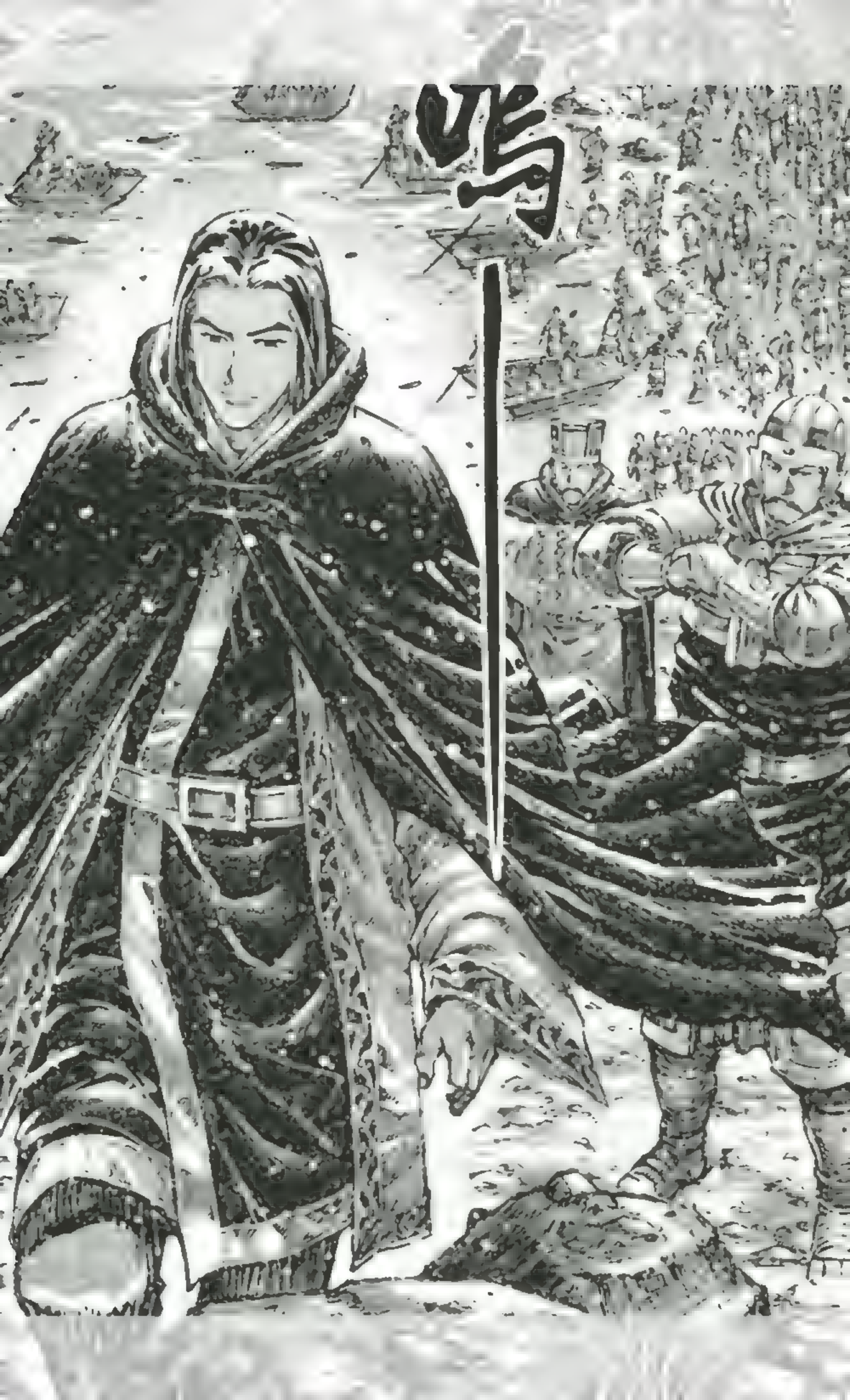


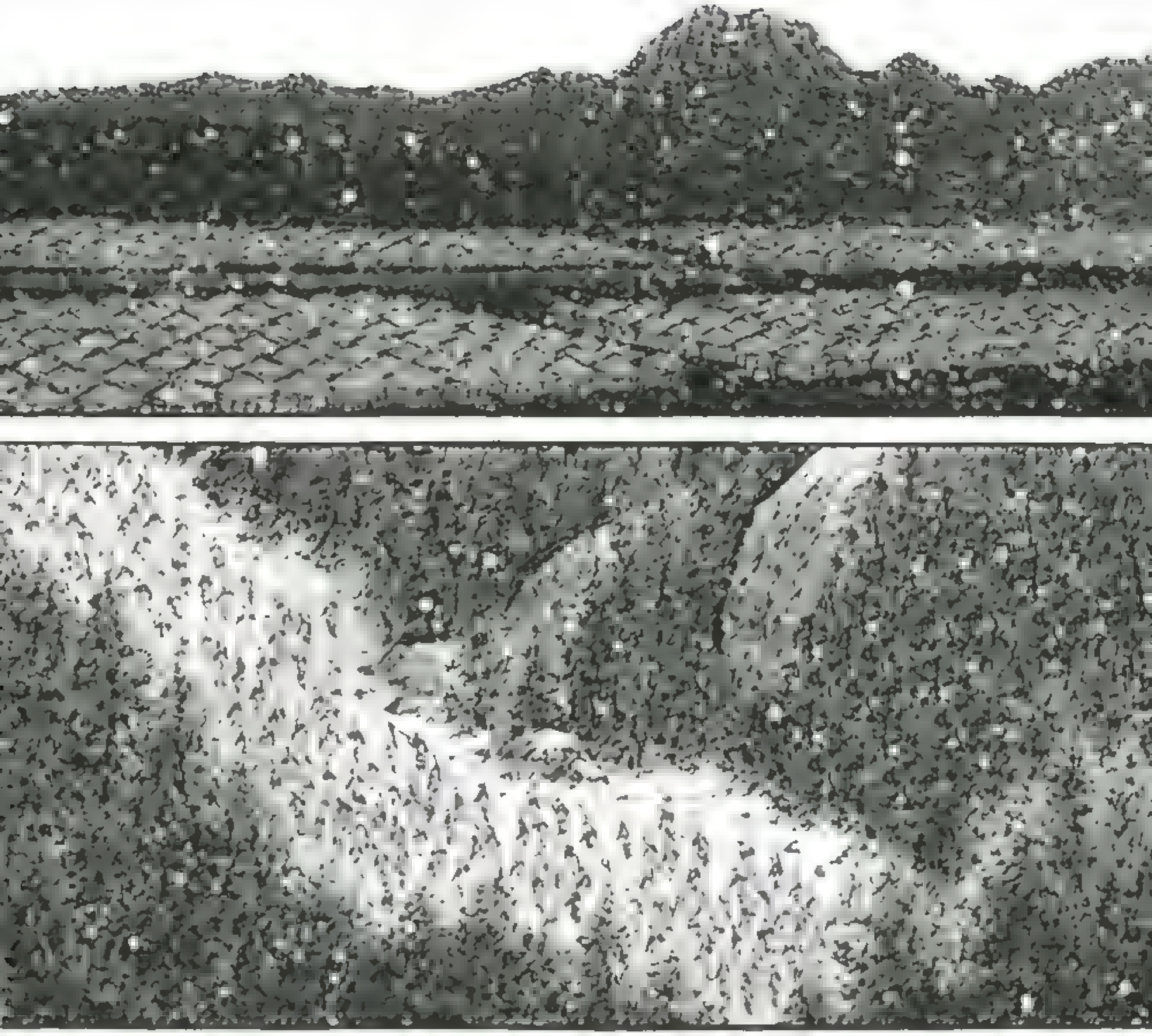
GOOD JOB, LITTLE BRO!

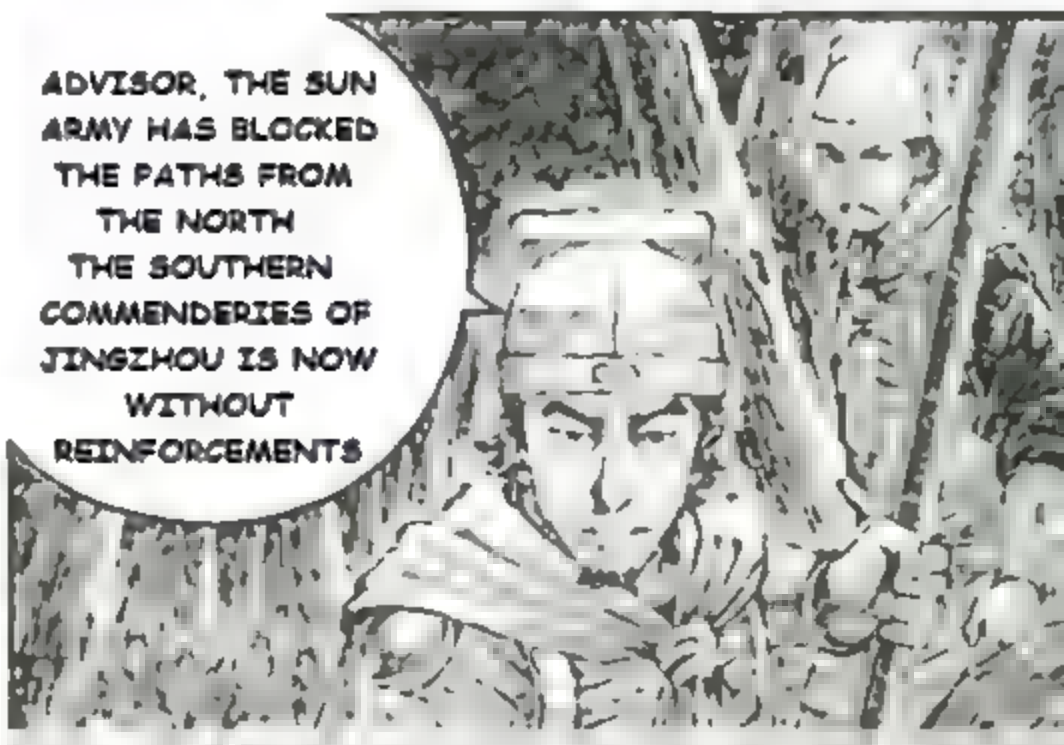
YOU'VE EARNED THE XIAHOU CLAN'S UNQUES-TIONING LOYALTY!

TO ADVISOR SIMA,
SALUTE!

THANK YOU

CLIMBING THE LADDER AND GAINING TRUST.
HE... HAS FINALLY TAKEN A SOLID STEP FORWARD
OF THE CRAFTIEST MEN IN THE WORLD, THE OTHER HIM HAS ALSO MADE A MOVE




ADVISOR, THE SUN ARMY HAS BLOCKED THE PATHS FROM THE NORTH THE SOUTHERN COMMENDERIES OF JINGZHOU IS NOW WITHOUT REINFORCEMENTS

AND TAKE THE FOUR COMMENDERIES!

下回、新一代刺客！

下回休刊！

EVEN WITH A SHOCKINGLY SMALL ARMY, HE WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE VICTORIES REPEATEDLY AGAINST ALL EXPECTATION...

FOR NOW THE COMMANDING OFFICERS LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THE NEXT BREATHTAKING STEP...

CAO CAO WAS DEFEATED AT RED CLIFF IN 208 A.D. AND LOST HIS MAIN FORCES. WARLORDS EVERYWHERE THEN USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO STIR UP TROUBLE

THE CHAOS SPREAD FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH, SPIRALING OUT OF CONTROL

PISS OFF. US SOUTHERNERS NEVER REGARD A REBEL AS OUR LORD

SINCE WE'RE THINKING OF LEAVING CAO, ANYBODY GOT A CLEVER IDEA?

I SAY, THE BATTLE OF RED CLIFF SURE TAUGHT "OUR LORD" A LESSON

HAHAHA, YOU GOT A DEATH WISH? MAKING FUN OF THE "PRIME MINISTER"

CH 445 NEW BLOOD FROM THE SOUTH

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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, WHY DON'T WE STRIKE OUT NOW AND MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES?

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YEAH, IT'S TOO EARLY FOR YOU TO PURSUE FAME, YOUNGSTER

SOUNDS REASONABLE, LITTLE BRO, BUT WAS IT YOUR PLACE TO TALK?

SUN CE WAS ABOUT MY AGE BACK THEN, WASN'T HE?

HAHAHA, PISS OFF. LIKE YOU TWO ARE EVEN COMPARABLE

YOU AIN'T EVEN TWENTY YET. EVER BEEN ON A BATTLEFIELD? DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO KILL?

PTTTT

YOU'RE DRUNK, OLD LI. STOP SPLITTING HAIR WITH A YOUNGSTER

YEAH. DON'T FORGET HIS SPONSOR

PHOOEY. A PRETTY FACE MAY BE BACKING HIM, BUT OUR LORD ISN'T LIKE THAT

HAHA, A MAN'S FUN NIGHT MAY BE WORTH DYING FOR TOO

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THOSE TWO RECENT RUMORS?

I ALSO HEARD ABOUT THAT- ABOUT GUIYIN AND GUIHE, RIGHT?

MEN HAVE FUN WHEN IT'S CALLED FOR. BUT AN UNDERTAKING FOR THE FUTURE IS THE IMPORTANT THING

IT'S JUST A RUMOR. YOU ALL REMEMBER THAT ORGANIZATION CALLED "HANDICAPPED WARRIORS" OVER TEN YEARS AGO?

THE FUNNY THING IS... BOTH MAGISTRATES WERE KILLED BY A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN

YEAH, THAT FOLKLORE ABOUT A GROUP OF CRIPPLES WHO KILLED EVERY ONE OF THEIR TARGET

WHOA HO, WHAT A LOAD OF OVERBLOWN BULLSHIT!

THE HEAD COUNT'S DONE. SHOULD I NOTIFY OUR LORD?

JUST A WHILE LONGER. OUR LORD IS HAVING FUN WITH THE "ASSASSIN CHICK"

I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME. WANNA JOIN ME?

HAHA, COCKY BRAT

COCKY... HOW ABOUT YOU STOP THAT NONSENSE

DRUNKEN RAVING IS STILL A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE

THE SCOUT SAYS LIU BEI'S ARMY IS ATTACKING OUR SOUTH

FORGET HIM. WE'LL MAKE OUR DECISION BEFORE OUR LORD COMES

YES. BESIDES, HIS ALLY IS TOO TIED UP BY JIA XU IN JIANGLING TO PROVIDE AID

HIS MAIN FORCE IS STILL DEFENDING THEIR BASE. THE TROOP HE SENT IS SMALL; NOT DIFFICULT TO FINISH OFF

SFX: PONG~

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WHO CLOSED THE DOOR?

THEY'LL HAVE WORN EACH OTHER DOWN NO MATTER WHO WINS. THAT'S TO OUR BENEFIT

YES. WE SHOULD HEAD SOUTH NOW AND TAKE GUIYANG FIRST...

ONE LAST TIME. WANNA WORK WITH YOUR GRANDDAD?

YEAH. THIS BOY HARPS ON AND ON. SO ANNOYING

GRANDDAD... UGH. I'VE HAD IT!

YOU GOT NO BUSINESS HERE, BOY! SCRAM!

JUST HOLD OUT A BIT. HE WON'T HAVE TEETH ONCE OUR LORD GETS BORED WITH HIS "MASTER"

I ASKED. NOW TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES

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I'VE KILLED MANY PEOPLE

I WARN THEM FIRST TO LESSEN THE GUILT

HIS ROOM IS BEING HEAVILY GUARDED! DON'T "LURE" HIM OUT!

BOY, YOU...

ASSASSIN! SEND MEN TO PROTECT OUR LORD!

BESIDES, OUR LORD HAS FOUGHT ENOUGH BATTLES TO NOT FEAR AN ASSASSIN!

THAT'S RIGHT. AND WE'RE NO "SLOUCH" EITHER

YES! IT'LL BE A JOKE IF THE DOZEN OF US STILL NEED REINFORCEMENT!

YOU GUYS ARE SO MUCH WEAKER

COMPARE TO THOSE AT GUIYIN AND GUIHE...

HOWEVER, THANKS FOR YOUR COURTESY

BY THE LIKES OF YOU?

YUP

IT'S CERTAINLY EASIER TO FIGHT A DOZEN MEN

THAN A HUNDRED!

TWO,
THREE,
FOUR...

C'MERE. ONE

NINE
EIGHT
SEVEN
SIX
FIVE

TWELVE

喀

ONE MORE

OUT

COME OUT

HM..

STILL SLOWER
THAN ME

LEADER, WAS IT A SMOOTH "PROCESS"?

SMOOTH... TOO BAD ANY HUSBAND OF MINE MUST DIE

PLEASE COME IN, SIRS. LET'S HEAD FOR THE BACK DOOR

OKAY

YET... STILL CAN'T BEAT FIRST AND SECOND MASTERS. THE DOOR HAS BARELY SHUT, AND ALREADY NOTHING BUT SILENCE OUTSIDE

LEIYANG'S BOSS AND HIS HEAD LACKEYS ARE DEAD. CHAOS SHALL REIGN

WITHIN THREE DAYS THIS PLACE WILL FOLLOW IN GUIYIN AND GUIHE'S FOOTSTEPS AND COZY UP TO OLD ZHAO

YES. OPENING A PATH THROUGH LEIYANG TODAY WILL ALLOW REINFORCEMENTS TO BE SEND TO MAGISTRATE HAN XUAN IN CHANGSHA

WE OF GUIYANG SHALL EASILY GAIN THE STRENGTH OF THREE CITIES WITHOUT CASUALTIES

YES.
A WORTHY RIVAL IS HARD TO COME BY

THE TIMING IS PERFECT.
TEACHER WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT THIS

NOT TO MENTION THIS GUY IS BETTER THAN LÜ BU...

HEHE,
EVEN FIRST
MASTER WEI
IS GROWING
IMPATIENT

MASTER HUANG
WON'T BE
THE ONLY ONE
WHO'S GLAD.
SO ARE WE!

下回、南方第二刺客！

下回休刊！

代郡

BY BANNER THEY SERVE FAN CHENG, A FORMER SUBORDINATE OF YUAN SHAO!

NO, SOME ARE XIANBEI BANNERS!

ANOTHER TROOP OF SEVEN THOUSAND EMERGED FROM THE VALLEY!

CH 446 BUGS IN DECAYED WOOD

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WORD FROM JIANG WU SAYS CHEN YI OF SHANGGU IS WILLING TO SEND AID. SHOULD WE ACCEPT?

NO, STALL HIM. CHEN YI IS OF THE LIU CLAN. THIS SUDDEN GENEROSITY MIGHT BE A TRICK

MANY BARBARIAN TRIBES OF THE TAIYUAN REGION ARE RAISING HELL. I DOUBT THEY HAVE MEN TO SPARE

NOTIFY JIANG WU TO KEEP HIS GUARD UP AND ALERT US OF ANY NEWS

IF LI CHANG REVOLTED, SO WILL LU YING...

MASTER, LI CHANG'S ARMY AT YANMEN HAS MUTINIED. THEY LET THE QIANG ARMIES COME THROUGH THE PASS

HOW MANY OF OUR TROOPS FROM THE SOUTH COULD BE TRANSFERRED HERE?

THIS QIANG TRIBE REBELLION, MASTER, DOES IT MEAN HAN SUI AND MA CHAO WOULD...

IT'S POSSIBLE

YES. QIN AND HAN BOTH INVESTED IN BUILDING THE GREAT WALL PRECISELY BECAUSE OF SUCH FEAR...

MASTER, RIGHT NOW IT'S HARD TO SPARE TROOPS TO ASSIST IN THE DEFENSES, HOW...

OUR OCCUPATION FORCE IS LIMITED IN THIS VAST BORDER TERRITORY. REDEP-LOYMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT

EXTERNAL THREATS ARE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF AS LONG AS WE FOLLOW IN OUR ANCESTORS' TACTICS

MASTER, SEVERAL MUTINIES HAVE BROKE OUT IN THE YANZHOU AND JIZHOU REGIONS. THE SITUATION IS DIRE!

OUR OWN PEOPLE...

EVEN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL...

MEN, PRIME MINISTER CAO DEVOTED HALF OF HIS LIFE SO THAT OUR GREAT HAN CAN BE WHAT IT IS TODAY!

PA

TAKE CARE, MASTER!

YOU SHOULD HEAD INSIDE AND REST A WHILE!

JUST OLD AGE...

IT'S NOTHING

WHO ELSE, WHO ELSE...

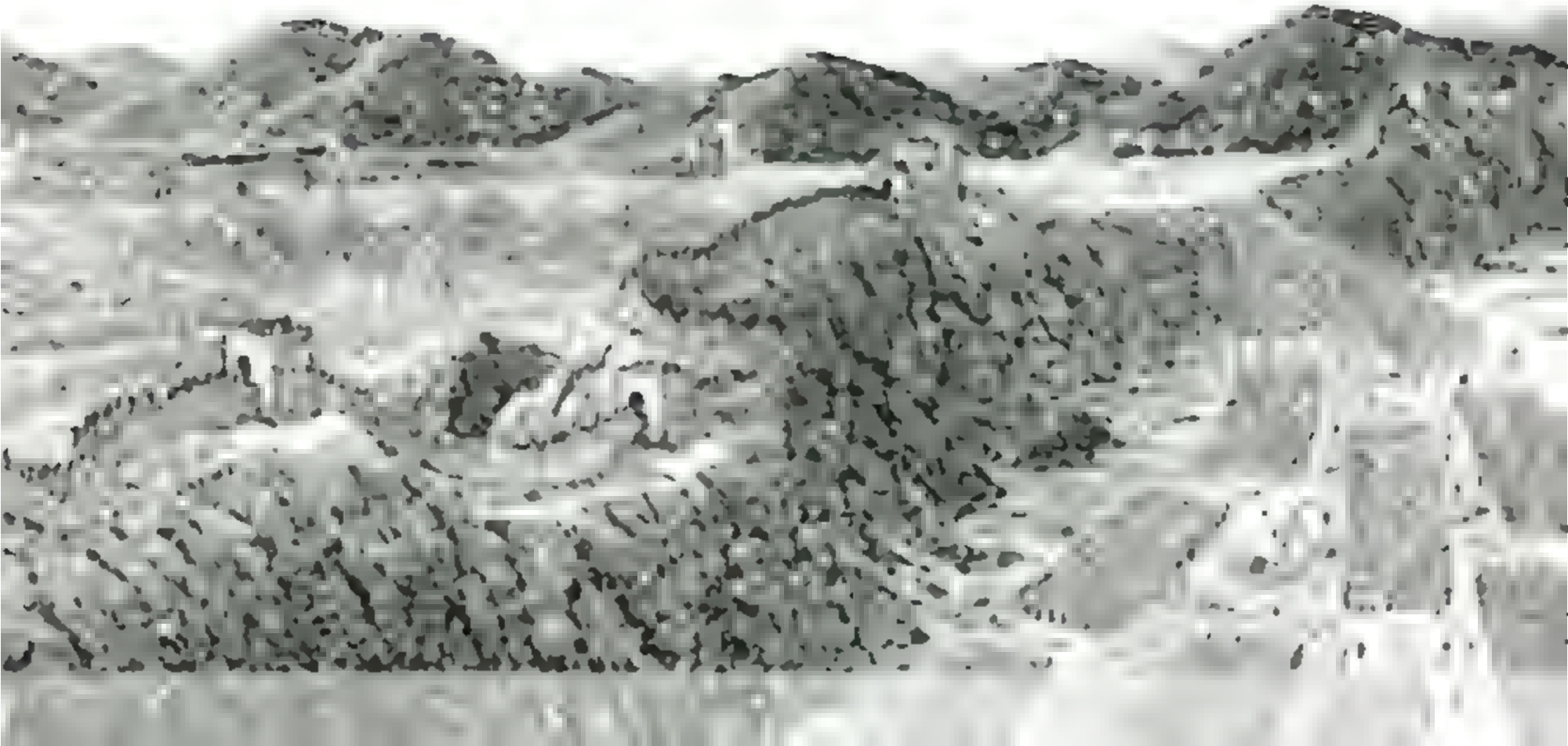
THINK, WHO COULD ASSIST IN OUR DEFENSE?

NEAR THE END OF 208 A.D., MUTINIES BROKE OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY

SUPPORTERS OF EMPEROR LIU XIE BE THEY FORMER SUBORDINATES WARLORDS OR OUTSIDER TRIBES ALL STARTED TO REBEL AFTER HEARING THAT CAO CAO LOST HIS MAIN FORCE AT RED CLIFF

THE CENTRAL POWER TRIED TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION BUT THE REMAINING FORCES SUFFERED SEVERE CASUALTIES WHILE CAO CAO'S OTHER MAIN FORCE WAS KEPT IN CHECK BY ZHOU YU

THUS DEFENDERS EVERYWHERE HOARDED RESOURCES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES THE POLITICAL SCENE OF THE CAO FACTION WAS IN IMMINENT DANGER



[THE HEDONG COMMANDARY]

CONSULTANT JIA, COLONEL ZHONG YAO SENT WORD

THAT YOU ARE TO ASSIST CHANGAN'S DEFENSES

[JIA KUI]

YES SIR

REPLY TO MASTER ZHONG THAT WE WILL HEAD OUT IMMEDIATELY

NOW THAT THE WORLD IS IN CHAOS, OCCUPY HONGNONG ON THE WAY UNDER THE GUISE OF PROVIDING AID

MASTER JIA, WE'LL PASS THROUGH HONGNONG ON THE WAY TO CHANGAN. SHOULD WE...

AND ONCE WE REACH CHANGAN, SUPPRESS IT IN THE NAME OF ZHONG YAO

WE HAVE THE SAME IDEA, ADVISOR

YES. ZHONG YAO IS TRAPPED AT THE BORDER, HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT US

[XU SHU]

ZHONG YAO HAS RAN OUT OF IDEAS IF HE WOULD EVEN EMPLOY THE BEDBUG

HAHA, I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'LL SOON GAIN CONTROL OF TWO KEY TERRITORIES

CONGRATU-
LATIONS,
BROTHER JIA.
YOU'VE MADE
THE CLIMB

WE SHOULD BE ABLE
TO PULL LIU BEI TO
HIS FEET AS LONG
AS WE PLAY OUR
CARDS RIGHT

NOW THAT
THE NORTH IS
PLUNGED IN CHAOS,
WE'LL BE BUSY WITH
INTERNAL AFFAIRS
FOR A FEW YEARS

YOU MEAN
THE THREE-
DIVISION
STRATEGY?

ONCE WE HAVE
CHANGAN, WE
COULD DEFINITELY
HELP LIU BEI IN
SECRET WITH HIS
WESTWARD
EXPANSION

AND THIS CRISIS "MANUFACTURED" BY THE SUN AND LIU WILL SERVE AS ZHONG DA'S PROTECTION CHARM

TWO STRONG FACTIONS WILL END WITH ONE DEVOURING THE OTHER. BUT WITH THREE THE CHECKS AND BALANCES COULD MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO FOR MUCH LONGER

BUT ADVISOR, LIU BEI'S MILITARY IS WEAK RIGHT NOW...

EVEN IF HIS MAIN FORCE HAS MARCHED SOUTH-WARD, IT WON'T BE EASY TO CONQUER THE FOUR COMMANDARIES

FOR THIS SOUTH-WARD CAMPAIGN, HE'LL FIRST BOOST THE FORCES AT JIANGXIA. KONG MING IS NOT MESSING AROUND

I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT ZHUGE LIANG'S METHOD OF STRENGT-HENING THE MILITARY

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS TRAPPED BY ZHONG DA AT HUARONG,

THE TENS OF THOUSANDS FROM THE LUJIANG COMMANDERY HAVE ALREADY FOLLOWED LEI XU IN HIS SECRET SURRENDER TO LIU BEI

THE WORLD IS IN CHAOS, BEDBUG. EVERYONE WANTS A SUDDEN RISE

HAHA, I SEE

LEI XU HAD PREPARED SO THAT LIU BEI COULDN'T ACTUALLY BE CAPTURED

AND SO BEGINS OUR COUNTERATTACK

[THE GUIYANG COMMANDERY]

THE TWO CITIES OF GUIYIN AND GUIHE HAVE SURRENDERED TO US

LEIYANG HAS ALSO SENT NOTE THAT A DIPLOMAT IS ON HIS WAY

OUR MISSED OPPORTUNITY YEARS AGO HAS FINALLY RETURNED

TOGETHER, THE THREE CITIES FORM A BUFFER ALONG WITH CHANGSHA, COMPLEMENTING EACH OTHER

YES. EVERYONE IS JUST WAITING TO ACT NOW THAT THE WORLD IS IN CHAOS

OUR TWO COMMANDERIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING FOR YEARS. WE'VE ALREADY BUILT UP ENOUGH POWER

AND ALSO RECRUITED QUITE MANY TALENTS...

GRAND ADMINISTRATOR OF GUIYANG, ZHAO FAN

NOW I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BELIEVE IN "MYTH"

OH, THEY'RE BACK

A "GODDESS"... IS NOT MEANT FOR A MORTAL'S TOUCH...

HOW'S THE SITUATION?

THEY'RE HERE

SIR

LIU BEI'S ARMY HAS REACHED WULING

PRESERVING STRENGTH. SO, AN ENCORE PERFORMANCE

GRAND ADMINISTRATOR JIN XUAN HAS ALREADY SURRENDERED ACCORDING TO PLAN. HE'S LEADING THEM ON, SO WE MUST NOT BE RASH

STILL GO WITH "CAPTURE THE CHIEF" GUESS WHO'LL GET HERE FIRST? GUAN YU OR ZHANG FEI?

BY HABIT ZHANG FEI WILL BE REAR GUARD WHILE GUAN YU LEAD THE CHARGE

AND CHANGSHA SHALL BE GUAN YU'S GRAVE

"SELL YOUR MASTER FOR GLORY"... WHO ARE YOU GIVING ME TO THIS TIME?

THERE'S THIS GUY NAMED "ZHAO" IN LIU BEI'S ARMY IN RECENT YEARS. HE'S RUMORED TO BE PHENOMENAL

THE MAIN COMMANDER SHOULDN'T TAKE PART ON A WHIM. THE INVADER OF GUIYANG MUST NOT BE RUN-OF-THE-MILL EITHER

OH. HOW INTRIGUING

下回，關羽下長沙。

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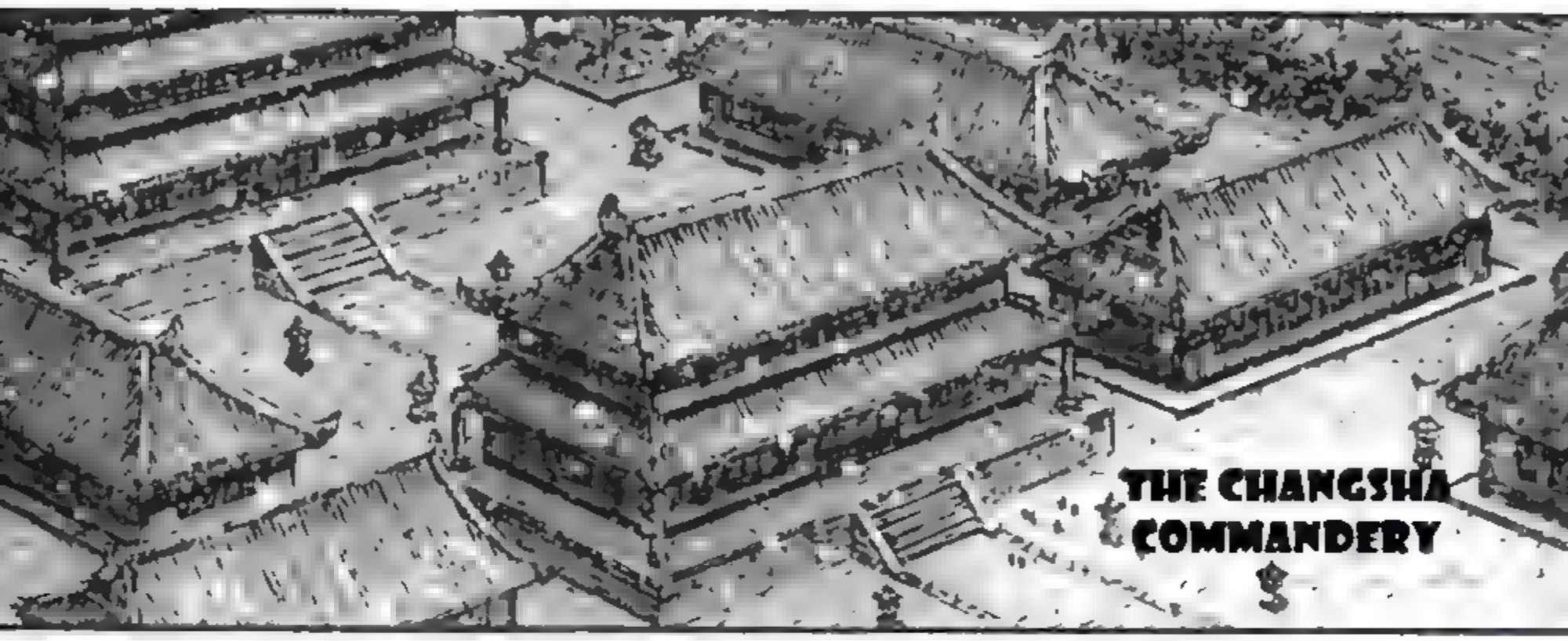
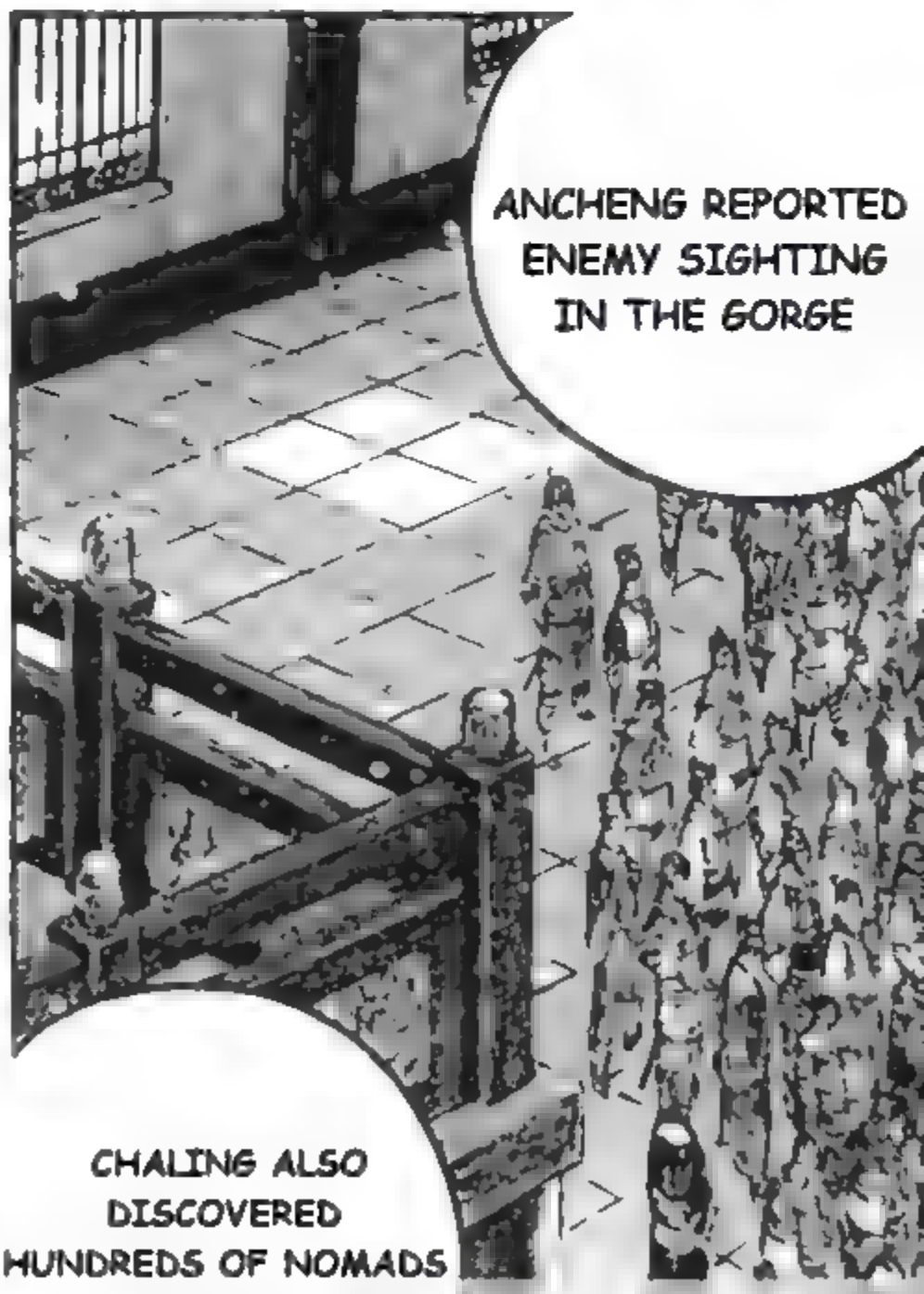
OUR LEADER LOVED TO KILL, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH THE SURNAME "ZHAO".


THE CHANGSHA COMMANDERY

LOOKS LIKE LIU BEI MOVED QUITE FAST

MY LORD, WULING MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT...


ANCHENG REPORTED ENEMY SIGHTING IN THE GORGE
CHALING ALSO DISCOVERED HUNDREDS OF NOMADS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN

CH 447 THE TRIPARTITE METHOD

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THAT ADMINIS-
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AFTER WULING, WOULD CHANGSHA BE NEXT, OR LINGLING?

AS EXPECTED, THEY HEADED SOUTH THROUGH YOUKOU

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CHANGSHA COMMANDERY,
HAN XUAN

LIU BEI TOOK WULING, BUT OCCUPYING ALL TWELVE CITIES WITHIN THE COMMANDERY WILL CUT DOWN HIS NUMBERS. WE MADE A SUCCESSFUL FIRST MOVE

REPORT ON CURRENT SITUATION

YES SIRS

ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, LIU BEI WILL BE DOWN TO A FEW THOUSAND IF HE SPLIT HIS TROOPS. NOT MUCH OF A THREAT

HEBEI'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AFTER CAO CAO'S UNIFICATION HAVE BEEN CALM. THE OUTER TRIBES HAVE BEEN KEPT UNDER CONTROL TOO

BASED ON HEBEI'S POPULATION, THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH IS ABOUT ONE MILLION, THOUGH HALF OF IT ARE SPREAD THIN FOR DEFENSE

THE LOSS OF THEIR MAIN FORCE AT RED CLIFF PRESENTED A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO THE WARLORDS AND BARBARIAN TRIBES IN THE AREA

SO TRIBES LIKE THE XIANBEI

AND THE QIANG HAVE TAKEN ACTION

THE VASTNESS OF THAT TERRITORY MEANS THEIR DEFENSES CANNOT OVEREXTEND THEMSELVES,

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WE'VE JUST RECEIVED NEWS OF A FEW MORE MUTINIES

HAN LOYALISTS AND SUN QUAN HAVE THEM TRAPPED

THE SIZE OF THE ANTI-CAO FACTION RIVALS THAT OF THE ANTI-DONG FACTION BACK IN THE DAY

NO, I ACTUALLY THINK CAO CAO WAS RELEASED ON PURPOSE

CAO CAO WAS LUCKY TO HAVE ESCAPED, OR HIS SONS WOULD'VE NAILED THE COFFIN EVEN SOONER

IF CAO CAO DIES, THE ONE TO BENEFIT FROM THE WAR IN THE NORTH...

THIS SCENE IS AKIN TO XIANG YU'S DOWNFALL AT GAIXIA

WOULD BE THE HOT NEW VICTOR OF RED CLIFF, SUN QUAN

EVEN THE MOST INFLUENTIAL FACTIONS LIKE THAT OF LIU ZHANG AND ZHANG LU WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SUBMIT

DO YOU MEAN, MY LORD... THAT ZHUGE LIANG'S STRATEGY IS TO PRESERVE CAO CAO?

THE FIRST EMPEROR OF HAN CONQUERED THE WORLD IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD AFTER THAT, RENDERING ANY OTHER OPPOSITION MOOT

YES. HE WANTS TO CREATE A PREDICAMENT WHERE CAO CAO HAS NO CHANCE OF RETALIATION

NOW THAT ZHOU YU IS STRONG, THE CAO FORCES WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO FIGHT...

SPARING CAO CAO TO KEEP SUN QUAN FROM ACHIEVING AN EASY CONQUEST

IN ORDER TO PRESERVE HIS OWN TERRITORY, CAO CAO WILL SOON GIVE UP JINGZHOU TO SUN QUAN

BUT THAT GIVES A WEAK LIU BEI A CHANCE TO EXPAND HIS TERRITORY

THEN ZHOU YU WILL PURSUE

YES, WHY WOULD HE LET A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY SLIP BY

THE WEAKER TWO OF THE THREE MUST SUPPORT EACH OTHER AGAINST THE POWERFUL

EVEN AS THEY DISTRUST AND EXPLOIT EACH OTHER, SUN AND LIU CANNOT SURVIVE ON THEIR OWN

LIU BEI IS MARCHING SOUTH BECAUSE OF ONE BELIEF

THAT ZHUGE LIANG SURE IS SOMETHING...

LOOK, HE SET UP A SITUATION

A PERFECT SITUATION WHERE HE COULD ENGULF THE SOUTH
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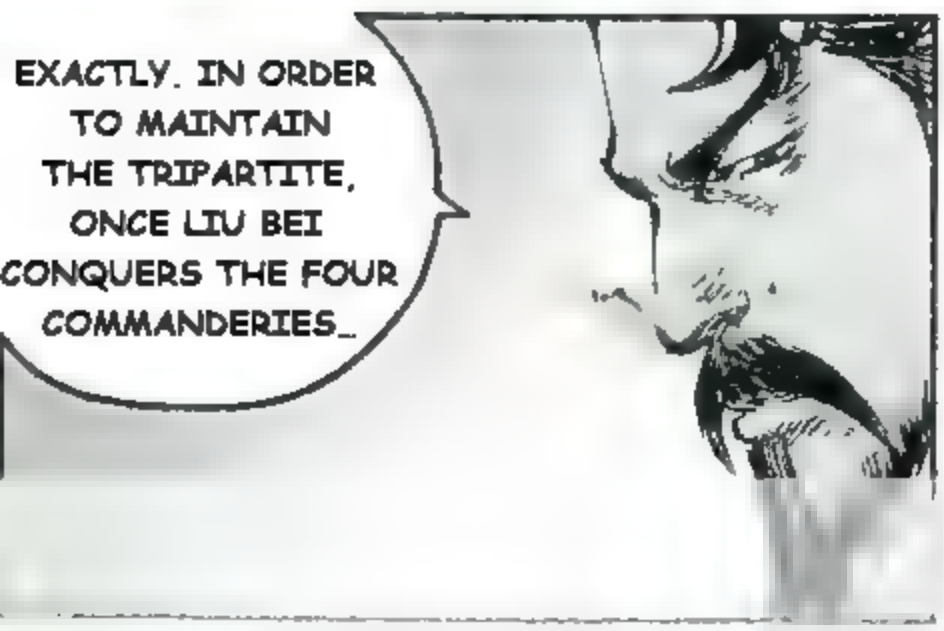
NEVER TAKE ON CAO CAO ALONE


EXACTLY. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE TRIPARTITE, ONCE LIU BEI CONQUERS THE FOUR COMMANDERIES_

SUN QUAN BLOCKED CAO CAO, SO HE COULD MARCH SOUTH WITHOUT FEAR
EVERYONE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE ZHOU YU?

LIU BEI HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE JINGZHOU PEOPLE, AND SUN QUAN WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE RESOURCES. A WIN-WIN FOR BOTH SIDES

SUN QUAN WILL USE JINGZHOU TO BARGAIN FOR THEM

THAT... IS THE UNFATHOMABLE MIND GAME OF ZHOU YU AND ZHUGE LIANG

THAT... IS THE SO-CALLED "TRIPARTITE BALANCE"!

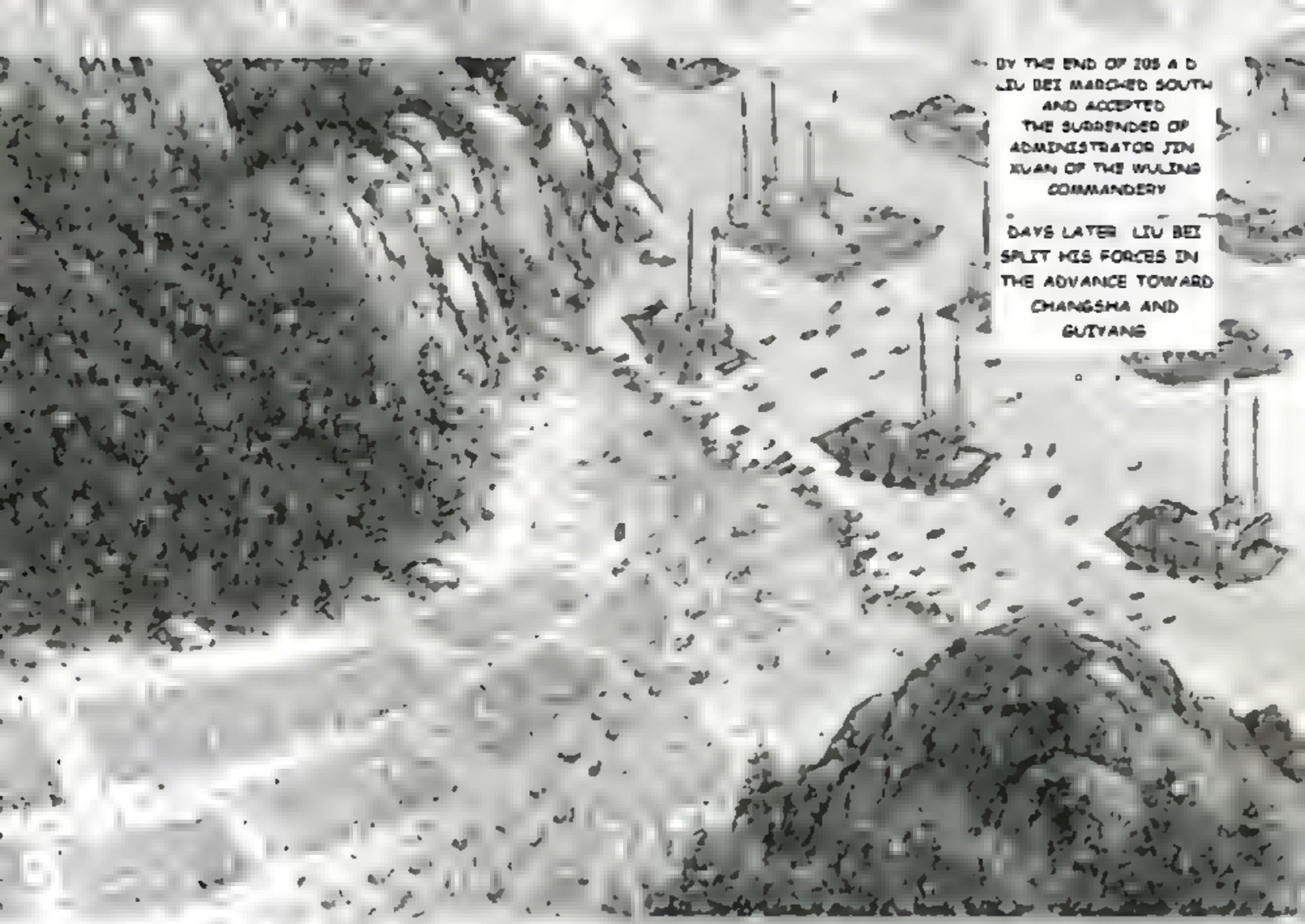
EXCEPT... I'VE GUESSED IT

FOR A TRIPARTITE BALANCE, THE THIRD PLAYER DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIU BEI...

WHY NOT US

IF WE COULD REPLACE LIU BEI, SUN QUAN WOULD STILL BE THE STRANGE BEDFELLOW

THAT, IS OUR CHANCE OF A LIFE TIME!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THE SURRENDER OF
ADMINISTRATOR JIN
XUAN OF THE WULING
COMMANDERY
DAYS LATER LIU BEI
SPLIT HIS FORCES IN
THE ADVANCE TOWARD
CHANGSHA AND
GUIYANG

[THE LINGLING COMMANDERY]

ENEMY OVER TWENTY THOUSAND STRONG!

I SEE IT, FIVE THOUSAND MEN!

DO NOT ADVANCE! WAIT FOR ORDER!

SO THEIR REAL TARGET IS HERE

HAN XUAN PREDICTED THAT THEY WERE ONLY PRETENDING TO ATTACK CHANGSHA AND GUIYANG

LOOK, THEIR COMMANDER SEEMS LIKE A BIG DEAL!

【劉度】零陵郡郡長

【邢道榮】大將

[ADMINISTRATOR OF THE LINGLING COMMANDERY, LIU DU]

[GENERAL, XING DAO RONG]

咚

SFX: DONG! DONG!

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT GUEST WE'VE EVER HAD

噹

HOW COULD WE WELCOME HIM WITH SUCH A LIGHT BLADE

BRING ME SOMETHING MORE UP TO PAR!

OH, THAT BLADE. DIDN'T YOU WIN IT FROM THAT LAST BET?

PA

MASTER XING, WASN'T THIS ONE...

HAHA, AS IF AN OLD MAN COULD SWING THIS BLADE?

KILL~

殺

LIU DU'S ARMY IS COMING FOR US!

FORWARD FLANK, READY TO ENGAGE!

SECOND MASTER, WHICH BLADE WILL YOU USE TODAY?

HAHA, IS THE OPPONENT UNWORTHY?

NO... A GREAT BLADE

A LIGHT ONE

[LIU BEI'S GENERAL, GUAN YU]

備大將【關羽】

DOES NOT SUIT HIM BY THE WAY HE CARRIES HIMSELF

WHO IS HE TRYING TO IMITATE?

YOU MEAN...

MOVE OUT. CUT OFF GUAN YU'S RETREAT ROUTE

HAHA, THAT BOY XING STOLE MY OLD ONE. BUT NO MATTER...

NEW BLADE, MASTER?

IT WAS TOO LIGHT ANYWAY

下回、司馬懿門楊修！

下回休刊！
敬請期待

THE OLD MAN PICKED UP THE BLADE AND SWUNG IT. A FEW TIMES. HE LOOKED UPSET, AND HE LAMENTED THE PASSING OF TIME. AND SO HE ASKED FOR...

AN EVEN HEAVIER BLADE!

THE VIRTUOUS KONG RONG PASSED AWAY THAT YEAR, AND HE LEFT BEHIND A SAYING...

SLANDER AND WICKEDNESS DAMAGE IMPARTIALITY, LIKE FLOATING CLOUDS OVER-SHADOWING THE WHITE SUN

SURROUND HIM. DON'T LET'M GET AWAY!

THE XU CAPITAL

IT WAS EXACTLY THE STATE OF THINGS THAT YEAR

PICK ON US BECAUSE YOU'RE TALL? THINK AGAIN!

SURRENDER, BROTHER ZHI!

[CAO ZHI]

【曹植】

YOU WON'T GET IT THAT EASILY, BROTHER

CH 448 QILIN AND ELEPHANT

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HAHA, BROTHERS FIGHTING BROTHERS. WHAT A GRAND SIGHT

MINE, IT'S MINE

AY... THIS ONCE A YEAR CELEBRATION LANDED ON MY LAP DUE TO THE DEFEAT

WHERE DID YOU FIND THE TIME TO WANDER, BUSY MAN?

HAHA, YOU COULD DO IT TOO IF YOU READ MORE BOOKS, YOUNG MASTER

I LOVED THOSE BOOKS YOU GAVE ME. DO YOU HAVE MORE?

SURE SURE

YANG XIU IS SO GOOD AT BRAGGING HE COULD SPIN ANY BAD NEWS INTO A GOOD ONE

[CAO CHONG]

YOU'RE HERE, SIR YANG

WORK HARD, YOUNG MASTER. DON'T LOSE TO YOUR ELDER BROTHER!

SO MY BRAGGING MIGHT GET US IN TROUBLE THIS TIME

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO OUR GIFT?

YES, ONE FELL ILL. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL MAKE IT...

YOUNG MASTERS, DO YOU WANT TO SEE A CELESTIAL BEAST?

LOOK, LOOK!

IS THAT A QINLIN?

CAO YU

LOOK, IT'S SO BIG

CAO JU

TOO TALL TO STAND ONCE IT FALLS

LOO

LOO

YOUNG MASTERS, BE CAREFUL!

IT'S TOO COLD. IT MIGHT NOT MAKE IT

HAHA, NOT ONLY IS THIS ONE BIG

LET'S USE THE OTHER AUSPICIOUS BEAST THEN

IT'S HEAVIER TOO!

HEAVIER THAN FIVE HORSES, RIGHT?

NO, MUST BE TEN!

DO YOU KNOW HOW HEAVY THIS ELEPHANT IS, YOUNG MASTERS?

IT STINKS HERE, NINTH BROTHER. LET'S GO

CAO BIAO

XUAN CAO

YEAH. CELESTIAL BEASTS ARE OVERRATED. LET'S BOLT

YOU MEAN FATHER WILL ASK US HOW HEAVY THE ELEPHANT IS?

THAT'S NO FUN IF YOU TELL EVERY-ONE YOUR METHOD SO SOON

THAT'S SIMPLE. PUT THE ELEPHANT ON A BOAT, THEN...

YEAH, I GET IT!

DON'T YOU WANT TO IMPRESS YOUR FATHER?

OF COURSE. YOUNG MASTER CHONG IS CLEVER. HE MIGHT JUST BE A SUCCESSOR

TRYING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH MY YOUNGER BROTHER AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT'S SCARIER IS YOUR ABILITY TO ALWAYS PREDICT MY FATHER'S NEXT MOVE

TEACHING CAO CHONG TO WEIGH THE ELEPHANT SEEMS LIKE A SCHEME

IF THE QILIN GOES WRONG, THERE'S STILL AN ELEPHANT TO FALL BACK ON

PLEASE DON'T DRAG BROTHER CHONG INTO THIS

THAT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH COMPETITION

ARE YOU WORRIED THAT EVEN A QINLIN AND AN ELEPHANT WON'T BE HIS MATCH?

CAO PI APPEARS LIKE A DRAGON THAT OVERPOWERS THE QILIN AND THE ELEPHANT

WE'RE FINE AND DANDY ON THE SURFACE, YOUNG MASTER, BUT BEHIND ALL THAT WE'RE FIGHTING WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT

HE IS A WOLF

BUT BEWARE, FOR THE ONE BEHIND THE AUSPICIOUS BEAST IS NOT KIND

THE WOLF-NECK IS COMING FOR ME

YANG XIU IS AMAZING. THESE GOOD WISHES HE WROTE MADE YOU THE PERSONIFICATION OF PERFECTION

AT LEAST IT'S OUR WAY TO THANK THE HEAVENS FOR SURVIVING THAT DEADLY ORDEAL

AS FOR FUNDING...

THE INTERNAL STRIFE IS JUST BEGINNING. WHY THE EXTRAVAGANCE?

AH-MAN, WE CAN'T SKIP A BIRTHDAY BANQUET

CAO CAO

XIAHOU DUN

THAT GUY OVER THERE HAD ALREADY PLANNED FOR IT

SIMA YI

DON'T WORRY, MY LORD. I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING

THE MERCHANT CLASS IS AFRAID OF CHAOS. THEY'LL SUPPORT US AT ALL COST

REINING IN THE CHAOS MUST TAKE PRIORITY. AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T HURT THEIR BOTTOMLINE...

BESIDES, WE NEED THE EXTRA-VAGANCE TO AWE THE ENEMY, NOW MORE THAN EVER

THOSE PRETENTIOUS IDEALISTS SURE CAN'T LIE WITH THEIR BODIES

THE MERCHANTS WILL UNITE FOR THE SAKE OF STABILITY

HOO

I'M GETTING OLD. STATELY CONCERNS ALWAYS GIVE ME THE JITTERS_

I SAY YOU SHOULD TAKE IT EASY AND JUST PLAY WITH YOUR KIDS SOMETIMES

THAT'S ANOTHER HEADACHE OF A PROBLEM

FARMERS LOVE TO HAVE MANY SONS. NOT SO FOR A LARGE CLAN

YOU'LL LIVE TO A HUNDRED, AH-MAN. QUIT BITCHIN' ABOUT IMAGINARY AILMENT

AND I HAVE OVER TEN SONS. NOT SHORT OF RARE TALENTS AMONG THEM EITHER

AS SOON AS YUAN SHAO AND LIU BIAO DIED, THEIR SONS FOUGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES AND DESTROYED THEIR FAMILY LEGACY

HISTORY HAS TAUGHT US, HOWEVER, THAT SOMETHING WENT WRONG FOR BOTH QIN AND HAN WHEN ABSOLUTE POWER WAS BEING HANDED TO THE SECOND GENERATION

CHONG-ER JOINED IN TOO RECENTLY

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN YOUR SONS?

PI-ER, ZHANG-ER, ZHI-ER, CHONG-ER... THEY ALL HAVE SUPPORTERS

WHAT PAINS A FATHER THE MOST IS KNOWING THAT ONLY ONE OF THEM WILL SURVIVE

YOU ARE RIGHT, MY LORD. HISTORY IS LIKE THIS

THEY'RE BORN OF THE SAME ROOTS, AH-MAN. STOP THAT NONSENSE!

EVEN THOUGH WE COULD PRE-SELECT THE SUCCESSOR, I'M STILL OBSERVING IN CASE I CHOOSE THE WRONG PERSON

ZHONG DA

HERE

SINCE IT CANNOT BE CHANGED, WE SHOULD DO OUR BEST TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL STABILITY TO AVOID A REPEAT

PI-ER MAY BE TALENTED, BUT CONQUEST AND GOVERNANCE ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS

FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE, IF THE CAO DESCENDANTS ARE INCOMPETENT,

FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD I'M WILLING TO PLAY THE VILLAIN...

I WANT YOU... TO RULE IN THEIR STEAD!

THE WORLD COULD ONLY BE RULED BY THE CAPABLE, NOT BE GIVEN UP LIKE KONG RONG AND HIS PEARS

I WON'T GIVE POWER TO LIU XIE BECAUSE I KNOW HE'S NOT CAPABLE

PA

AH-MAN, YOU...

YOUR FLATTERY IS OVER-WHELMING, MY LORD

BUT IT'S NOT AS MOVING BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT LIU BEI

YOUR HUMOR...

PROVES THAT YOU HAVE EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL. SO I'M NOT CONCERNED

HAHA...

YOU SEE THAT, YUAN RANG?

HAHA, HAHAHAHA

NOTE: XIAHOU DUN COURTESY NAME YUAN RANG

I'M PREDICTABLE TO SO MANY PEOPLE, BUT ONLY ONE DARES TO SPEAK THE TRUTH

AND I... HATE THOSE PHONIES WHO'D CRY OVER WHAT I JUST SAID

THAT'S MORE REASSURING THAN THOSE WITH SILVER-TONGUE WHO WOULD USE AUSPICIOUS BEASTS TO FLATTER ME

WISE AND DILIGENT VASSALS ARE THE REAL ASSETS TO PI-ER

I ASK YOU, ZHONG DA. WHAT'S THE GREATEST OBSTACLE IN PI-ER'S PATH

THE OBSTACLE ISN'T THE GREED AMONG BROTHERS, MY LORD. IT'S THE MAN BEHIND THEM

I WANT YOUR HONEST OPINION

THE INSTIGATOR,
YANG XIU

下回：關羽會大敗！

下回休刊！

THE STORY OF CAO CHONG WEIGHING THE ELEPHANT SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT YEAR

HIS FATHER HELD BACK TEARS AS HE SMILED AT THE FLOWERY SPEECH THAT FILLED THE IMPERIAL GARDEN THAT DAY

殺

MY LORD, THEY HAVE REACHED MOUNT JIUYI

GOOD. IT'S TIME. NOTIFY XING DAO RONG

GUAN YU'S THIRD INFANTRY HAS YET TO ATTACK

OUR FIFTH DIVISION WILL FLANK THEM!

CH 449 DILATING BLOOD VESSELS

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HEAR THAT? OUR LORD IS SOUNDING THE DRUMS!

CAVALRY FIRST, FOLLOWED BY INFANTRY!

SFX. KILL~

殺

MY BROTHERS, LET'S OPEN A GAP!

SFX. KILL-

REAR FLANK, MAINTAIN FORMATION. FORWARD FLANK SHALL ENGAGE THE ENEMY!

GENERAL, THE... THEY'RE MOVING SO FAST!

SFX: CHA~

SFX: BREAK!

GENERAL!

SFX: BREAK!

碰

SFX: PONG~

THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER IS HERE. SURROUND HIM!

LIKE THAT'S EASY.

DIE!

SFX: PONG~

SPEARS UP. DON'T LET HIM CLOSE IN!

SFX: SWOOSH~

嗖

WHAT KIND OF BLADE IS THAT!?

HO!!!

SFX: CHA~ CHAA~

THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER IS INSIDE OUR SPHERE!

MASTER XING, THEIR MAIN TROOP IN SIGHT!

HERE IT COMES!

THAT'S THE FEELING ALL RIGHT!

GUAN YU

YOUR GRANDDAD XING DAO RONG!

RIGHT ATTITUDE. INTERESTING

NICE
BLADE

鉢

YOURS AIN'T BAD EITHER

BUT...

YOU TOO

YOUR BLADE IS TREMBLING

NONSENSE, YOU FUCK!

SO YOU'RE THE ONE TREMBLING!

YOUR BLADE'S CRYING TOO!

NO

IT'S...

JUST THIRSTY

SFX: SHOO~

!
PA

SECOND MASTER, WHA...

SFX: SHOO~

INTERESTING!

你

UP AHEAD!

ONLY THE SOUND OF WIND!

NO... NO ONE THERE!

吓

AND MY CRY OF SORROW...

THE DRAW WEIGHT MUST BE AT LEAST THREE STONES TO REACH THIS DISTANCE

HEAVY WEIGHTS MEAN NOTHING TO THAT KIND OF BRAWN

FULLY DRAWN AND STEADY IN THE WIND!

THE HARDEST OF ALL IS ACTUALLY THE SOFTEST

SECOND MASTER, YOUR HORSE!

WILLFULLY MOVING THROUGH THE WORLD

CUTTING THROUGH THE SKY TO REVEAL ITS OVERBEARING MIGHT

TAKING OUT HIS ANGER ON BLOATED HEART AND GUTS LIKE THEY'RE PRACTICE TARGETS

AH... MY BLADE IS TREMBLING

HERE IT COMES...

A LONG-LOST SENSE OF HIGH HOPE AND AMBITION IS CALLING TO IT

INTERESTING.
THAT'S THE FEELING ALL RIGHT!

下回、最強戦神将！

下回休！

HUANG ZHONG PULLED BACK THE STRING ON THE THREE-STONE BOW SKILLFULLY, BENDING IT OUT OF SHAPE

THIS HARMONY AGES LIKE FINE WINE, AND OLD MAN HUANG IS FILLED WITH JOY AS IT GREETS THE WIND

THE GUIYANG COMMANDERY
QUJIANG COUNTY

THIS AREA IS UNDER BOSS LU'S CONTROL...

YOU MOUTH-OF-RIVER GANG SHOULD MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

THAT WAS OUT OF LINE, BOSS FENG!

CH 450 SEETHING ART

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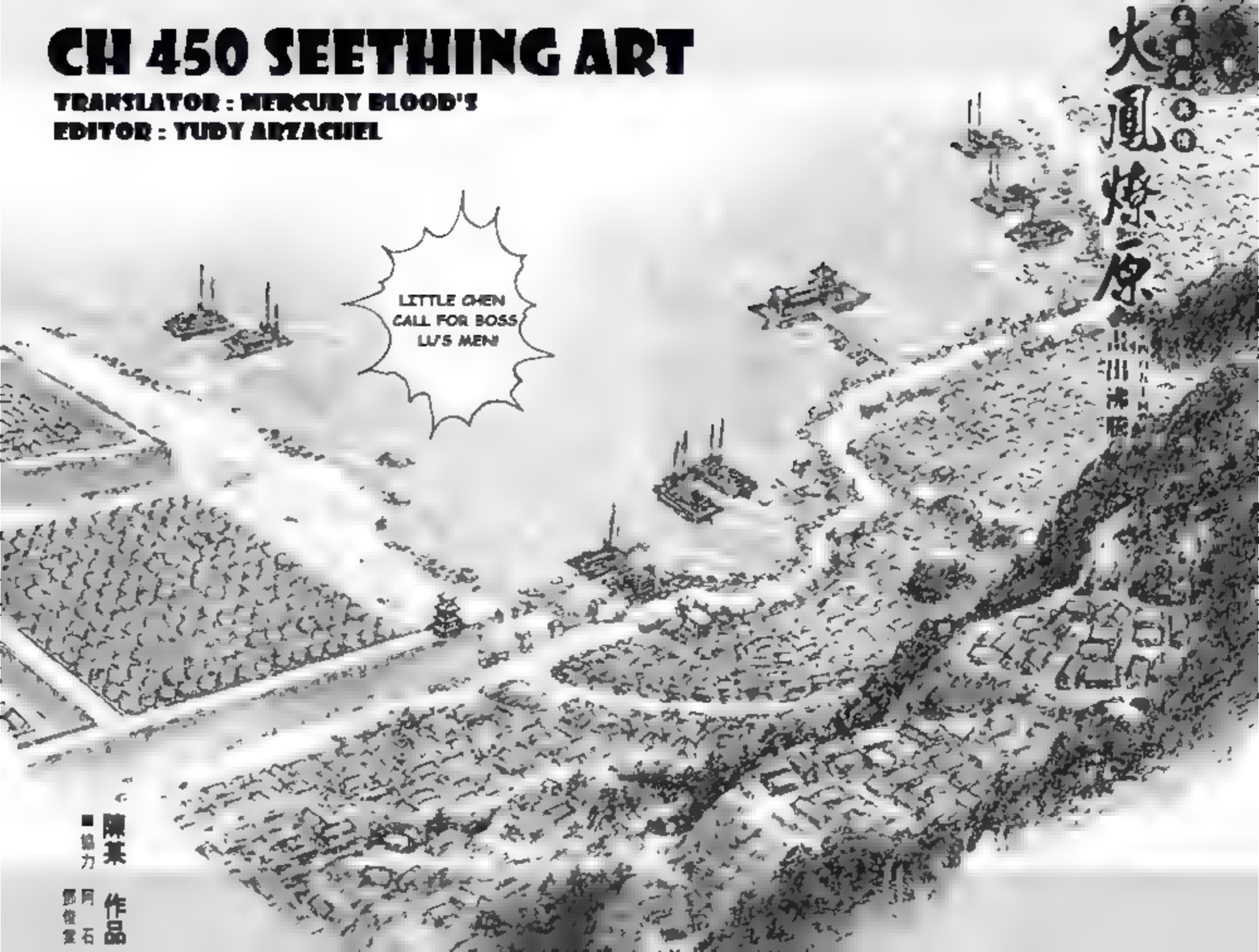


SHOPKEEP, BOSS LU HAS ALREADY RETIRED AND GAVE US THE CONTROL!

THERE'S MOUTH-OF-RIVER, AND HERE'S TAIL-OF-RIVER. THE TERRITORIES ARE CLEARLY SEPARATED!

I WON'T PAY UP. DO YOUR WORST!

EVERYBODY PAID EXCEPT FOR YOU. THAT'S NOT GOOD

ME, FENG AN, LOSING MY STREET CRED?

碰

I'LL SAY THIS AGAIN. MOUTH-OF-RIVER GANG WILL BE THE ONLY GANG IN QUJIANG!

SO I ASK YOU AGAIN. PAY UP OR NOT?

I GIVE, I GIVE. STOP HITTING!

BE IT WITH TODAY'S ZHAO FAN OR TOMORROW'S LIU BEI, THIS TERF WILL ALWAYS BELONG TO OUR GANG

BOSS, LOOK

OH, THIS IS..

OWNER GUO'S PAINTED CRUISE FERRY HAS RECENTLY CHANGED HANDS. THE NEW OWNER SEEMS TO BE DOING A DAZZLING JOB

WELCOME, GOOD SIRS. WELCOME!

OH BUT IF IT WASN'T FOR MISTER GUO I'D NOT HAVE SUCH FORTUNE!

HEH, WAY PRETTIER DECORATION THAN BEFORE. NO WONDER THEY STOLE ALL THE OTHER CUSTOMERS

THIS IS THE PRIME LOCATION TO TAKE IN ALL OF QUJIANG'S BEAUTY AT ONCE

NOT ONLY THE FISHERY SCENE IN ITS ENTIRETY, YOU'LL ALSO SEE MAJOR NAVAL BASES AT A DISTANCE_

BOAT-KEEP, BUSINESS IS STREAMING IN, EH

QUIT YAPPING. IF YOU'RE NEW AROUND HERE, YOU SHOULD COME AND SAY HI!

YOU ALL SOUND LIKE THE MOUTH-OF-RIVER GANG?

BULLSHIT. ZHAO IS ZHAO. THE TIME HAS CHANGED...

WE'RE WITH THE "LIU" NOW

I THOUGHT YOUR GANG HAS ALWAYS HAD A RAPPORT WITH ADMINISTRATOR ZHAO FAN, NO?

AH, YES YES YES, I'LL NOTIFY HIM

WHERE'S THE OWNER? GET HIM!

WITH THE "LIU" NOW?

YES. LOOKS LIKE THEY ALREADY SEEPED THROUGH

GIVE'EM SOME CHANGE AND SEND'EM AWAY. BUT I SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION...

WE'VE CAUGHT A BIG FISH

INDEED

AN EXPERT?

A LANDSCAPE SURVEYOR

HE HAS DONE SEVERAL PAINTINGS. THREE OF GATE TOWERS

FOUR OF NAVAL CAMPS AND SHIPS

ANY OTHER SUSPICIOUS PERSONS THESE DAYS BESIDES HIM?

YES. THERE WERE MORE NOMADS NOW. AND SOME-THING'S GOING ON WITH GANGS IN THE AREA

I HEARD THAT THE MOUTH-OF-RIVER GANG HAS SWALLOWED THE OTHERS AND ARE MAKING A RACKET ALL OVER THE PLACE

IF THERE'S NO SURPRISES, THEN LIU BEI HAS ALREADY SPREAD HIS CLAWS

THE DEPLOY-
MENT AND GAPS
HAVE ALL BEEN
DRAWN

HE HAS
NOTED EVERY
POSITION
FOR FUTURE
ACTION

HE MAY ALSO
HAVE THE MIND
OF A MILITARY
ADVISER

IF I'M NOT
MISTAKEN, HE'S
NO MERE SPY

THAT MEANS LIU BEI HAS ALREADY SEEN THROUGH OUR FAKE SURRENDER?

LIU BEI'S USE OF FORCE IS METICULOUS. IF I'M RIGHT...

THAT MAN...

YOUNG MASTER, WAIT...

IT'S VERY LIKELY, YOUNG MASTER. THEY HAVE ALREADY PLANNED THEIR NEXT MOVE

THEY SAY THAT THE LANDSCAPE SOUTH OF THE LONG RIVER IS PICTURESQUE...

FORGIVE A YOUNG-STER FOR ASKING, WHY ARE YOU SO FOND OF THE GATE TOWERS?

SUN CE WAS MY AGE
WHEN HE MADE
THE SCENE, WASN'T HE?

HAHA, AS IF
YOU COULD BE
COMPARED TO
SUN CE?

HOW COULD
A YOUNGSTER
UNDERSTAND
WHAT GROWNUPS
LIKE?

YEAH? YOU WANNA BUY US OFF WITH SPARE CHANGE?

WE'RE NO BUMS; WE'RE IN CHARGE OF THIS PLACE!

SOUTHERNERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A FOOL-HARDY BUNCH

THIS SCENE REMINDS ME

YOUR ACCENT MARKS YOU A NORTHERNER. YOU MUST HAVE LOADS OF EXPERI-ENCE IN WAR

I'VE HEARD OF A PAINTER FROM THE NORTH WHO PAINTS THE BATTLE-FIELD BEFORE THE BATTLE HAPPENS

PAY UP OR NOT, YOU STINKER?

SINCE YOU'VE GOT YOUR NOSE SO HIGH IN THE AIR...

WE'LL TRASH THIS BOAT IF YOU DON'T!

I'M CONCERNED THAT I'VE JUST MET HIM, UNFORTUNATELY

THIS OLD BLOKE'LL HAVE TO BE MORE DIRECT. YOU WITH LIU BEI?

I SUGGEST YOU STOP TALKING NONSENSE

HAHA, THE YOUNGSTER GREW UP SO FAST

WH...
WHAT?

THE FUCK YOU
DOING YOU
BASTARD?

BOSS,
THE FERRY
IS MOVING!

DOCK THE FUCK-
ING BOAT YOU
HEAR ME?

IF YOU'RE
HERE WITH
ILL INTEN-
TIONS...

YOUR GRANDDAD'S GONNA ASK YOU AGAIN. ARE YOU... MISTER ZHANG?

GRANDDAD... HAHA, I'M STARTING TO LOSE IT

I'VE ONLY HEARD SOMEONE ASKING A QUESTION THREE TIMES...

YOU HEAR ME YOU STINKING BASTARD?

THREE TIMES...

THE FUCK YOU YACKING ABOUT?

喀

喀

喀

SFX: CHA~ CHA~ CHA~

HE'S GOING TO DO IT

IF YOU INTEND TO KILL, WHY BOTHER ASKING?

TOO BAD YOU REALLY ARE JUST A BOY...

I'VE KILLED SO MANY. THE WARNING IS JUST TO LESSEN THE GUILT

THE FOX INTIMI-
DATES, FORGET-
TING IT WAS
THE TIGER'S
FIERCENESS THAT
HE'S BORROWING

BECAUSE
YOU'RE NOT
THE BOSS HERE

GETTING YOUR HEAD IS AS EASY TO ME AS FETCHING AN ITEM FROM A BAG

AH, MY SWORD IS TREMBLING...

PA

A LONG-LOST SENSE OF HIGH HOPE AND AMBITION IS CALLING TO IT

PLEASURE. MY SURNAME IS ZHANG

MY SURNAME IS WEI

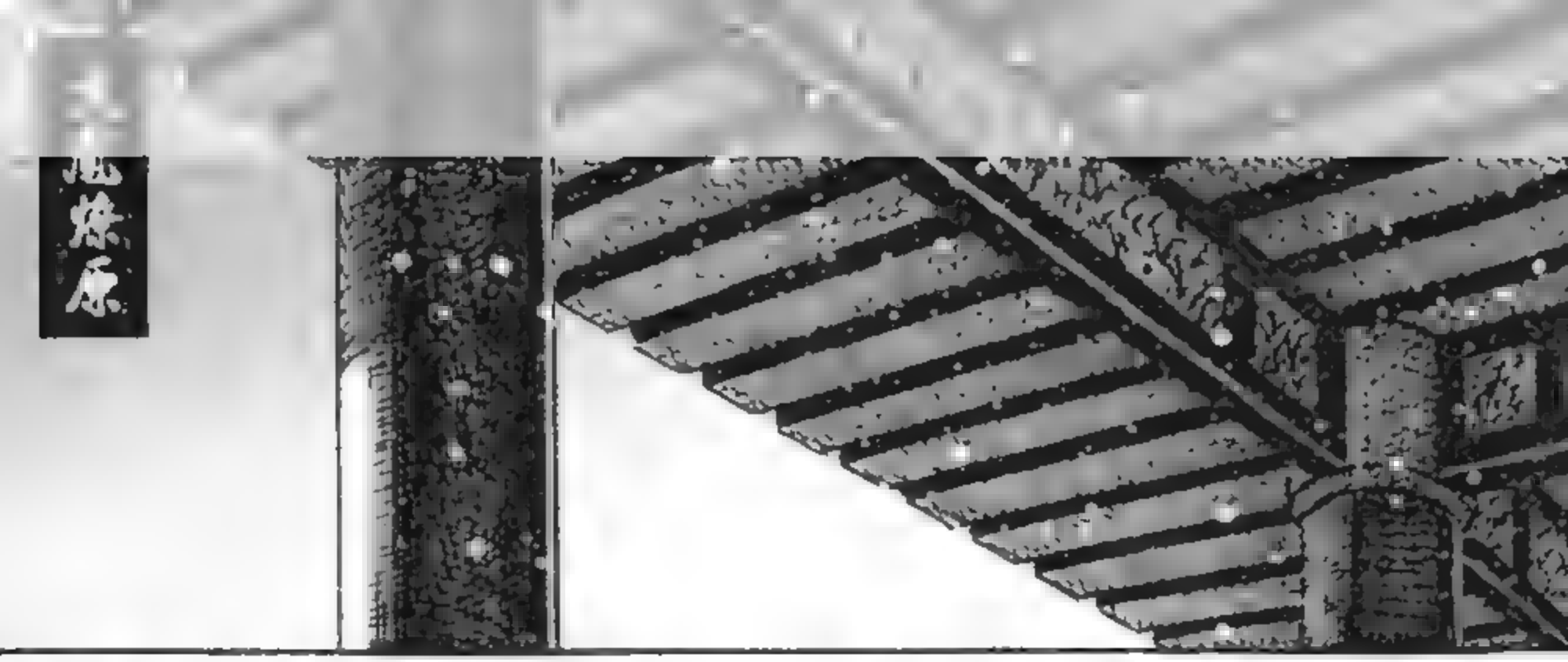
INTERESTING

刺出溫柔！

下回休刊！

HEROES DO NOT FEAR DEATH. PERHAPS THERE WAS ALREADY A REASON WHY THEY SYMPATHIZED WITH EACH OTHER

THAT WAS WHY AMONG LIU BEI'S GENERALS, ONLY THESE TWO DIED IN THE HANDS OF KNAVES


THE CHAOS OF TODAY IS THE FAULT OF A WEAK AND UNPOPULAR IMPERIAL HAN

THE DEFEAT AT RED CLIFF HAS PLUNGED THE NORTH INTO THE GREATEST PREDICAMENT...

BUT IT ALSO PROVIDED A STEP-PING STONE FOR MEN WITH LOFTY ASPIRATIONS

IN A WAR-TORN ERA... WHO DOESN'T LOOK OUT FOR THEMSELVES?
WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING, GENERAL ZHAO?

CH 451 FINE WORDS AND AN INSINUATING APPEARENCE

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HAVING SURVEYED THE FOUR COMMANDERIES, CONTROLLER CAO, YOU MUST'VE REACHED THE SAME CONCLUSION?

陳某

曹軍【曹操】

SO YOU'RE SAYING... THE FOUR COMMAND-ERIES HAVE DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT THE RULE OF CENTRAL COMMAND?

MY LOYALTY BELONGS ONLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER!

PONG

WHY NOT LAY IT OUT IN THE OPEN IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT TO BE!

PITY. IF ONLY SOMEONE OF YOUR ABILITIES COULD LEND US A HAND...

YES. THE PRIME MINISTER CERTAINLY IS A LOYALIST WHO SUPPORTS IMPERIAL HAN

LOYALIST

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN NO ONE ELSE COULD SERVE FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY

AND IT ALSO REMINDS ME... OF MY OLDER BROTHER'S SHORT LIFE

YOUR OLD-FASHIONED VIEW SADDENS ME

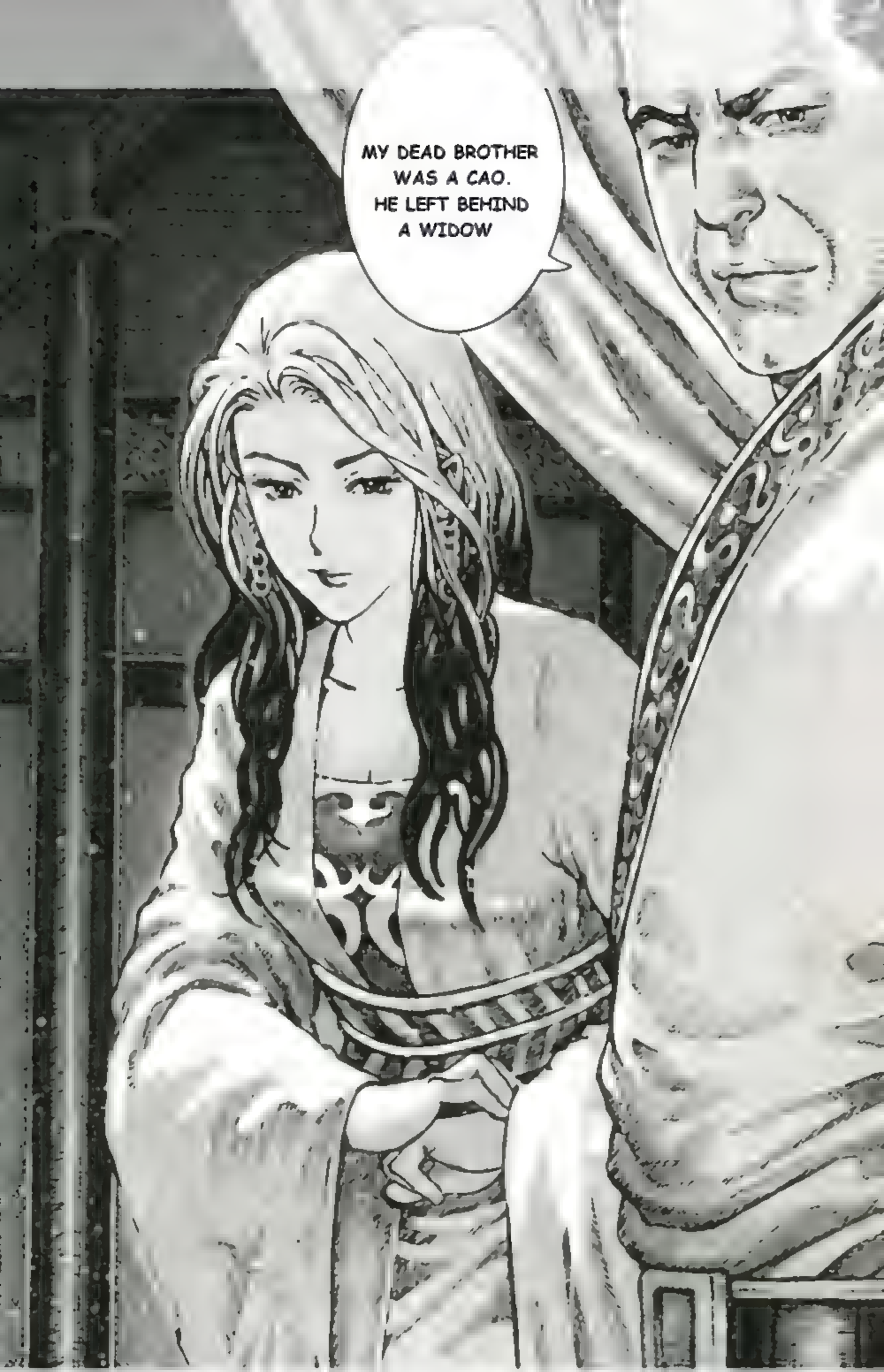
WHY FEAR A SHORT LIFE WHEN ONE'S ASPIRATION NEVER ERRS?

THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN WE PART WAYS, THOUGH AS IMPORTANT AS STATELY AFFAIRS ARE...

OUR YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP MAKES US CLOSE LIKE BROTHERS

WE CANNOT NEGLECT FAMILY MATTERS

PERHAPS SHARING THE SAME SURNAME DOESN'T MAKE PEOPLE LEARN TO CHERISH THE BOND


MY DEAD BROTHER WAS A CAO. HE LEFT BEHIND A WIDOW

IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO ME, I HOPE YOU WOULD TAKE CARE OF HER

AS A MEMBER OF THE CAO CLAN, SHE SHARES THE SAME ANCESTOR

HER MAIDEN NAME IS FAN. AND SHE'S IN HER PRIME

COME, POUR SOME WINE FOR THE ARMY CONTROLLER

YES

UH...

CONFUCIUS SAID, AN ARMY COMMANDER MAY BE CARRIED OFF...

BUT THE WILL OF A COMMON MAN CANNOT BE TAKEN FROM HIM

HOWEVER...

THAT IS OUR GOAL AS RIGHT-EOUS MEN...

YES. THERE'S NO CONTRA-DICTION. YOU'RE GETTING THE DRIFT

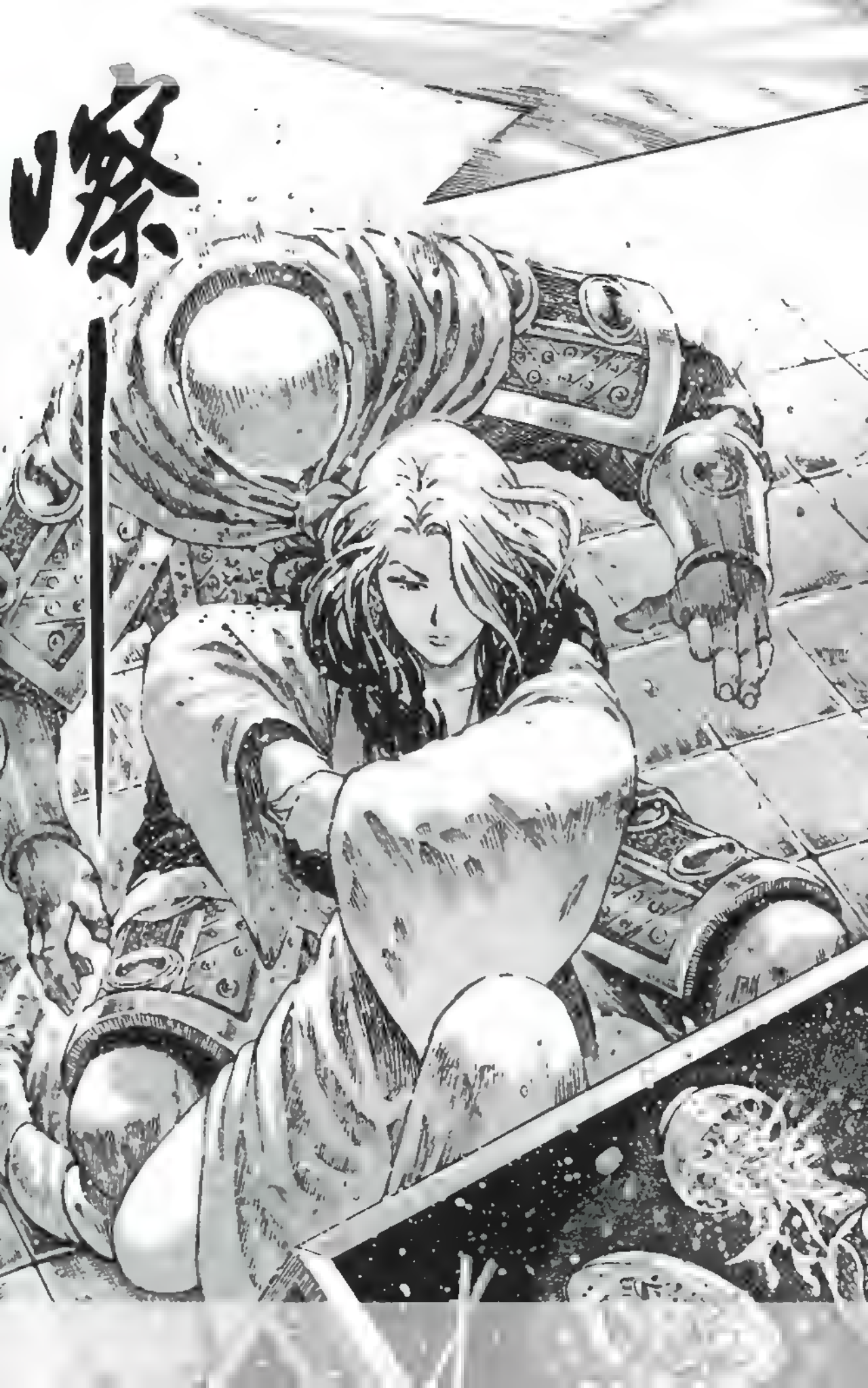
CONFUCIUS ALSO SAID THAT HUMANS HAVE BASIC NEEDS

NO. FINE WORDS AND AN INSINUATING APPEARANCE ARE SELDOM ASSOCI-ATED WITH TRUE VIRTUE.

BUT A MAN OF HONOR LIVES HONESTLY WITHOUT FEAR

A ROSE HAS THORNS. IT'S BAD LUCK...

A REAL MAN CAN APPRECIATE LOYALTY AS WELL AS A ROSE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THAT'S THE RIGHT ATTITUDE. INTERESTING

A GOOD OFFICER IS HARD TO FIND...

WHY SO DRASTIC, LADY FAN?

BECAUSE THIS DICK AIN'T WHAT I NEED

AND HOW MANY "HUSBANDS" HAVE YOU KILLED?

HOW MANY DEAD "OATH BROTHERS" DO YOU HAVE?

OLD ZHAO, A REAL MAN IS HARD TO COME BY...

HAHAHA... THE WISE UNDERSTANDS MEN. SO, IS THE NEXT STEP SUCCESSFUL?

THE TROOPS OUTSIDE OF GUIYANG HAVE JOINED OUR RANKS

CAO FENG'S MEN HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO SURRENDER

ALL DISSENTERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED

MY LORD

CAO CAO'S INFLUENCE WITHIN THE FOUR COMMANDERIES HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DISSOLVED

WE'RE RESERVING OUR STRENGTH... FOR THE LAST MOVE

WE ARE THE ONLY COMMANDERY TO SURVIVE THIS CIVIL WAR WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES

THERE'S A HIDDEN MEANING TO THAT, ISN'T THERE? YOU SURE ARE UP TO NO GOOD

SO... WE'RE DOWN TO THE LAST OBSTACLE

HAHA, WELL I USED TO BE A BUSINESSMAN

YES. LIU BEI'S MESSENGER IS ON HIS WAY TO THE CITY

HIS SURNAME IS ZHAO, AND HE CLAIMS TO BE FROM MY HOMETOWN

AND HE KNOWS EVERYONE WHO HAS SOME KIND OF ASSOCIATION TO ME

WHAT'S MORE INTRIGUING IS THAT HE'S COMING HERE ALONE DESPITE HEARING OF GUAN YU'S ENTRAPMENT

YOU MEAN...

AN ASSASSIN...
OF YOUR ILK

HIS BACKGROUND IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY. CAO CAO'S MEN HAVE SEEN HIS MIGHT DURING THE BATTLE AT CHANGBAN

ZHAO YUN, A VISITOR OUT OF NOWHERE

ADDING SO MUCH FUN TO THIS LAST CHALLENGE

THEY TRIED TO KEEP IT HUSH BECAUSE IT WAS A HUMILIATING LOSS, AND LIU BEI DIDN'T BRAG EITHER

AS YOU WISHED, BROTHER ZHAO IS HERE

THE NEW "HUSBAND" IS NO ORDINARY MAN INDEED

NOW THAT...
IS INTERESTING

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WHEN LIAOYUAN HUO ENTERED THE CITY THAT DAY,
HE NEVER CAME BACK OUT.